

NIMS Alert

NIMS COMPLIANT ICS TRAINING GUIDELINES NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

WASHINGTON – The NIMS Integration Center has developed guidelines for ICS training providers that will help them ensure that the training they offer meets the requirements of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Since one of the first steps for becoming compliant with NIMS is institutionalizing the use of ICS across the response system, ICS training must be consistent with the concepts, principles and characteristics of the NIMS ICS training offered by DHS training entities along with that of the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG).

The *NIMS National Standard Curriculum: Training Development Guidance* outlines the system's ICS concepts and principles, management characteristics, organizations and operations, organizational element titles and recommendations for a model curriculum. It also provides an evaluation checklist for content that may be used to make sure that ICS training meets the “as taught by DHS” standard. The guidance document is available for download from the NIMS Homepage at www.fema.gov/nims.

The model NIMS ICS curriculum organizes four levels of training – ICS-100, Introduction to ICS; ICS-200, Basic ICS; ICS-300, Intermediate ICS; and ICS-400, Advanced ICS. ICS training provided by the Emergency Management Institute, the National Fire Academy, the National Wildfire Coordinating Group, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Coast Guard follow this model.

According to the NIMS Integration Center emergency management and response personnel already ICS trained do not need retraining if their previous training is consistent with the DHS standard. This would include courses managed, administered or delivered by the Emergency Management Institute, the National Fire Academy, NWCG, USDA, EPA or the U.S. Coast Guard, the NIMS Center said.

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